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30 March 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--March 1985

I. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Bureau coverage of the Iran-Iraq war expanded significantly during March with the escalation of fighting and attacks on each others' cities. To ensure timely reporting of war events, bureau Persian monitors are now reporting 1/2 hour earlier for work in the morning to cover the Tehran Persian 0330 GMT cast. Tehran Domestic Service in Persian has been put on open speaker watch for the time being, along with Bushehr, Shiraz, and Ahvaz regional stations. Coverage of the regionals has enabled the bureau to file within minutes announcements of air raid alerts and several unique accounts of the fighting and air attacks on cities. Also, at BBC's request, bureau has assumed primary coverage of Tehran Domestic Service in Persian from 1215-1315 GMT daily, during which time BBC loses Persian coverage on MW owing to a station switch to Bengali service.

American Embassy Manama consumers have requested that editors keep them abreast of developments in the war.

2. On 1 March, Bangkok Bureau requested that Gulf attempt to backstop Dhaka radio for an Ershad speech (to be re-read in English). The station was unheard at Gulf on all known frequencies.

On 2 March, Bangkok again requested Gulf's assistance in backstopping Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu for a speech by Ziaul Haq. Bureau Urdu monitors recorded the speech with fair/good reception, but processing assistance was not required by Bangkok.

3. Several ad hoc processing requests were received during March. On 6 March AG requested priority handling of an AL-WATAN interview with the DFLP's Nayif Hawatimah. The item was processed in two takes and cleared within 4 hours of receipt of message.

On 10 March Jordan Bureau requested priority processing, for local embassy consumers, of a QNA report on remarks by Fatah Central Committee member Khalid al-Hasan on "U.S. Mideast policy and the Arab Leaders". While no QNA report could be found, reports on the remarks from Kuwaiti and UAE papers were filed.

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4. In reaction to the death of Chernenko, bureau Central Asian monitors were kept busy monitoring Soviet regional radio behavior. Daily radio behavior FYI's were filed from 11 March and discontinued on 14 March at headquarters request.

5. In response to a liaison request, the bureau prepared and pouched eight tapes containing recordings of Jedda International Service in Turkmen.

6. On 26 March the bureau was requested by BBC/LD to assume full coverage of the Saudi Press Agency because of a line problem in London. Gulf's printout of SPA is excellent and we were thus able to assume coverage with no undue strain on Arabic staffing. BBC resumed coverage midday on 27 March. Bureau was again asked to assume coverage for approximately 1 hour on 29 March owing to BBC's loss of line.

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7. Persian monitor/trainee [redacted] completed the first stage of her training and is now processing items without countersignature of a senior monitor.

#### B. Communications

1. From 3-12 March, embassy TCU requested bureau's cooperation in closing down primary send circuit for several hours daily owing to work being done at TCU. The receive side was not affected. The outages occurred during the bureau's non-peak workload hours and thus operations were not seriously hampered. The bureau's backup Telex system was used to file any immediate items during the outage periods.

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2. Teletypist [redacted] returned to duty on 10 March following a lengthy illness. Her return was most welcome and helped to alleviate a serious staffing shortage over the past few months. With her return, bureau Administrative Assistant [redacted] who had been assisting with teletype duties, has returned to her full-time administrative duties.

#### II. ADMINISTRATION

##### A. Personnel

1. Arabic monitor [redacted] resigned effective 29 March 1985.

2. The bureau chief departed 31 March for annual leave and the bureau chiefs' conference.

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Chief, Gulf Bureau

Attachment A

ENGINEERING REPORT -- GULF BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 1985

Equipment Received :	Transcriber Sony Model BM-46 S/N 24344 2 EA IBM P.C. Systems
Equipment Transferred :	None
Projects :	Continuing installation of Switchgear for Generator Fabricating Relay system for Remoting Fire alarm to Editors house.

## GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1985

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	307,776
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING	:	99,268
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	841

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	14,935	8,280	230.5
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)			

## III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

## AFGHANISTAN

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
KABUL IN ENGLISH TO	
SOUTH ASIA	-0-

## BAHRAIN

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	560
MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	210
MANAMA WAHK IN	
ARABIC	12,360
MANAMA WAHK IN	
ENGLISH	13,780
MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ	
IN ARABIC	1,410
MANAMA 'AL-ADWA' IN	
ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA AL-MAWAJIF	
IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA SADA AL-USBU'	
IN ARABIC	1,080
MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS	
IN ENGLISH	580
MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN	
ENGLISH	2,270

## CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN	600
IN DARI	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN	200
IN PASHTO	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN BAHDIHANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN GURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN	750
IN PERSIAN	
(CLANDESTINE) RADIJ NEJAT-E IRAN	3,800
IN PERSIAN	
(CLANDESTINE) RADIJ IRAN IN PERSIAN	740
(CLANDESTINE) FREE SONS OF YEMENI SOUTH IN ARABIC	770

## IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	21,580
IN ARABIC	
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE	-0-
IN ARABIC	
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	-0-
IN RUSSIAN	
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	-0-
IN TURKISH	
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	-0-
IN DARI	
TABRIZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	-0-
IN AZERI	
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	27,200
IN PERSIAN	
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	-0-
IN SURANI KURDISH	
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	400
IN BAHDIHANI KURDISH	
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE	-0-
IN PERSIAN	
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE	-0-
IN ENGLISH	
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	4,360
IN PERSIAN	
BANDAR ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE	970
IN PERSIAN	
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE	6,230
IN PERSIAN	
ESFAHAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	1,990
IN PERSIAN	

GERMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	170
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	950
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARMENIAN	1,250
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN AZERI	1,360
ZAHEDAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN IRNA IN	
ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID	
IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI	
IN ARABIC	610
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL	
IN ENGLISH	1,070
TEHRAN TEHRAN TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	-0-
TEHRAN ETTELA'AT IN	
PERSIAN	1,020
TEHRAN JONHURI-YE ESLAMI	
IN PERSIAN	520
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN	
PERSIAN	140
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I	
IN PERSIAN	880

## IRAQ

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	3,010
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-

## KUWAIT

KUWAIT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-ANBA'	
IN ARABIC	2,750
KUWAIT AL-HADAF IN	
ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-QABAS	
IN ARABIC	7,270
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM	
IN ARABIC	2,490
KUWAIT AL-SIYRSAH IN	
ARABIC	2,520

KUWAIT AL-WATAN	
IN ARABIC	9,540
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	5,050

## LEBANON

BEIRUT AZTAG IN	
ARMENIAN	2,520
BEIRUT ZARTOK IN	
ARMENIAN	2,560

## OMAN

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	2,160
SALALAH DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	1,090
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN	
ARABIC	

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## PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM	
IN ENGLISH	3,510
KARACHI DAWN IN	
ENGLISH	24,900
KARACHI JASARAT IN	
URDU	2,850
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN	
URDU	3,610
KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT	
IN URDU	5,820
LAHORE JANG IN	
URDU	4,300
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN	
URDU	1,510
RAWALPINDI PAKISTAN TIMES	
IN ENGLISH	1,200

## QATAR

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	1,410
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-8-
DOHA QHA IN	
ARABIC	

5,190

## SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	1,520
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	2,580
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	790

## RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE

IN ENGLISH

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## AL-DAMMAM AL-YAWM IN

ARABIC

1,700

## JEDDAH AL-BILAD IN

ARABIC

-0-

## JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN

ARABIC

1,846

## RIYADH SPA IN

ARABIC

350

## UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

## MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO

IRAN

410

## BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN PERSIAN

260

## BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN AZERI

-0-

## DUSHANBE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN PERSIAN

-0-

## TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN PERSIAN

-0-

## TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN UIGHUR

-0-

## TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN UZBEK

-0-

## YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN ARMENIAN

-0-

## ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN RUSSIAN

3,240

## ASHKhabAD DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN RUSSIAN

5,580

## BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN AZERI

1,500

## BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN RUSSIAN

660

## DUSHANBE DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN RUSSIAN

4,790

## TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN RUSSIAN

6,530

## TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN UZBEK

970

## YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARMENIAN

630

## YEREVAN KOMMUNIST

IN RUSSIAN

-0-

## YEREVAN SOVETAKAN RYASTAN

IN ARMENIAN

18,430

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	2,390
DUBAYY DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
ABU DHABI WAM	
IN ARABIC	2,600
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD	
IN ARABIC	1,430
AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ	
IN ARABIC	6,110
DUBAYY AL-BAYAN	
IN ARABIC	326
DUBAYY KHALEEJ TIMES	
IN ENGLISH	5,690

**UNITED KINGDOM**

LONDON ASGHAR AQA	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
LONDON KEYHAN IN	
PERSIAN	2,410
LONDON VOICE OF IRAN	
IN ENGLISH	-0-

**PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF YEMEN (PDRY)**

ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	19,610
ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE	
IN ARABIC	140
ADEN ANA IN	
ARABIC	-0-
ADEN ANA IN	
ENGLISH	-0-

**YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)**

SANAA DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	10,710
SANAA VOICE OF PALESTINE	
IN ARABIC	2,510
SANAA AL-THAWRAH	
IN ARABIC	-0-